



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6755***

LCO No. 3736

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MURDER OF A CONSERVATION OFFICER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 53a-54b of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 A person is guilty of a capital felony who is convicted of any of the  
4 following: (1) Murder of a member of the Division of State Police  
5 within the Department of Public Safety or of any local police  
6 department, a chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal  
7 Justice, a state marshal who is exercising authority granted under any  
8 provision of the general statutes, a judicial marshal in performance of  
9 the duties of a judicial marshal, a constable who performs criminal law  
10 enforcement duties, a special policeman appointed under section 29-  
11 18, an employee of the Department of Correction or a person  
12 providing services on behalf of said department when such employee  
13 or person is acting within the scope of [his] such employee or person's  
14 employment or duties in a correctional institution or facility and the  
15 actor is confined in such institution or facility, [or] any fireman, or any  
16 conservation officer or special conservation officer appointed by the

17 Commissioner of Environmental Protection under the provisions of  
18 section 26-5, while such victim was acting within the scope of [his]  
19 such victim's duties; (2) murder committed by a defendant who is  
20 hired to commit the same for pecuniary gain or murder committed by  
21 one who is hired by the defendant to commit the same for pecuniary  
22 gain; (3) murder committed by one who has previously been convicted  
23 of intentional murder or of murder committed in the course of  
24 commission of a felony; (4) murder committed by one who was, at the  
25 time of commission of the murder, under sentence of life  
26 imprisonment; (5) murder by a kidnapper of a kidnapped person  
27 during the course of the kidnapping or before such person is able to  
28 return or be returned to safety; (6) the illegal sale, for economic gain, of  
29 cocaine, heroin or methadone to a person who dies as a direct result of  
30 the use [by him] of such cocaine, heroin or methadone; (7) murder  
31 committed in the course of the commission of sexual assault in the first  
32 degree; (8) murder of two or more persons at the same time or in the  
33 course of a single transaction; or (9) murder of a person under sixteen  
34 years of age.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To make it a capital felony to murder a conservation officer who is acting within the scope of the officer's duties.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*